



Broome County EMS Advisory Board

Tuesday 10/5/2023 at 6:00 PM

At Lourdes East/West Dinning Hall

OR

Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/94160522095?pwd=OUJsT2M5T2d3YVFmaTFabld5M2FjUT09>

Call to Order - Chairman Bealo

Roll Call, Introduction of New Members and Guests

- Dave Tinklepaugh is formally introduced as the new Broome County EMS Coordinator.

Correspondence – Any correspondence directed to the Board will be read/discussed.

- None at this time

Executive Session – No executive session requested at this time.

Medical Director Action Items – Please submit items needing consideration to the EMS Coordinator, in advance of the meeting

- Dave T. plans to meet with Dr. T next week for core-sponsorship paperwork. If any agency has competent AEMT they would like to become a preceptor, please send their names and/or an application form to him.
- There is a goal to assemble a standardized list of preceptors as possible to share with the county.

Committee / Project Reports:

- Executive – Chairman Bealo
- Intelligence Briefing – L. Michael Taylor, Broome County EMS Intelligence Liaison Officer,
 - See resources sent by Bob Bealo
- Broome County Legislature – Legislator Mark Whalen
 - Not present
- Hospitals

- Trauma System Update – Bethlehem Emmons-Post
 - Not present
- UHS EMS System Update – Scott Gurney
 - Main Tower at Wilson Hospital to be open around May 1, 2024. UHS will have a first responder day for tours of the new ER and tower. A video will be made for anyone who cannot attend.
 - Trauma Teaching Day will be sometime in April. The day will be scaled back this year, being held at Lewis Road with one main speaker and breakout skill labs.
 - Any ideas for Grand Rounds please reach out to him or share with Bob Bealo.
- Ascension Lourdes Hospital Update – Katie Loveland
 - Transition to Guthrie is ongoing, so far there are no changes for EMS agencies to be aware of for EMS providers.
 - Lourdes is starting prehospital notification for Neuro Codes. For any acute changes within 6 hours, please notify Lourdes as soon as possible. Those receiving reports need to know Last Known Well, results of stroke screenings, vital signs, blood glucose, etc.
 - Katie would like people to be aware that more questions may be asked by those receiving reports because of this change.
 - On arrival to Lourdes ER, you will be met by an ED registrar AND an MD to perform NIHSS. Directly transport patient to CT.
 - Go-Live will be sometime this week. Katie has sent out a memo to county EMS leaders.
 - Nurses will be trained to receive the scales being used by EMS in the field. Most important information is the Last Known Well Time, but the more detailed stroke assessment the better.
- LifeNet Update - Steve Sculley-Beaman
 - Ops 9 channel is live, should be improved hearing and radio frequency.
 - SUNY Upstate 20-week hybrid critical care course will be coming up Tuesday and/or Thursday nights from 6-10pm.
 - Glenn Oaks ambulance 4-day boot camp in Queens including cadaver lab and other skills.
 - If interested in any classes, reach out to Steve for more information.
 - Lourdes Paramedic and AirMethods collaborating on a high risk intubation class. Two providers from each institution will be allowed to start. It will be a one-day class from 8-5. More to follow. Reach out to Steve for information or RSVP through Amber.
 - Invitation for anyone interested to have a visit to see the training location including simulations, VR, etc. reach out to Steve to set that up.

- Education
 - Broome County EMT program – Liz Mednansky
 - Spring and Summer schedules should be uploaded to the website by the end of the week. Students can register any time.
 - Binghamton University starts 1/17/2024. SUNY Broome starts between 1/29 and 1/20/2024.
 - Ascension Lourdes Paramedic Program – Dave Tinklepaugh
 - Second term course, first semester coming to an end. 32 students are currently enrolled.
 - Dave T. is transitioning from of paramedic program, but he is still core sponsor coordinator etc., so please still reach out to him with anything you may need.
 - Anticipate January and summer challenge refresher course with a focus on alphabet soup courses: ACLS, AMLS, PALS, PTLs, etc.
 - No registering necessary for refresher to take any individual alphabet soup courses, more to come.
- Electronic PCR System, Data Collection, and Usage – ePCR News and Issues
Mark Forest / Mike Cox
 - 3.5 updates
 - Waiting for information from Data Informatics
 - 13 different fields for disposition per NEMESIS
 - Committee has been meeting weekly, will update as able.
 - Dave T: No anticipation regarding any major protocol changes from CMAC due to a lack of physician involvement at this time.
 - NYS Rural Ambulance Task Force Handout
- Updates from the region and State – Mike Cox – not present
 - Regional EMS Council Report
 - NYS DOH Report
 - Medical Directors Report
- Update on Broome County New Radio System – Chuck Rogers
 - BC Radio system is 99% complete, still needing Conklin DPW and BU security/Harpers Ferry.
 - Harpers Ferry has all the new radios. They are waiting on UPD to complete the switch over.
 - Q's: concern that some agencies are not programmed into other agency's radios
 - Needs follow-up
 - Call on Ops or Battalion 3 for now.

- There are new radio updates coming up in January. If there are any glitches or issues, write them down and share the issues so they can be fixed in a timely manner.
- Update on Broome County EMS – Dave Tinklepaugh
 - Dave T. has been in the role of BC EMS Coordinator for 1.5 months. He expressed how difficult of a decision it was to leave the paramedic program but looks forward to having the opportunity to make a positive impact on EMS throughout the county.
 - He invites anyone with questions to reach out and he will do his best to answer them. He looks forward to open collaboration with EMS leaders throughout the county to make steps toward progress.
 - Old business: EMS study has been resurrected, the working group is back together. The product by TetraTech needs some tweaking, up to county executive level at this time. Some data needs to be modified. Progress is being made.
 - Deputy EMS Coordinators- multiple applications for three different positions
 - This is a team decision. Hopefully interviews will be completed in the first quarter.
 - Working with Liz to get her better staffing and more up-to-date equipment.
 - Possibly looking to put on a new CLI course.
- Update from the Director – Patrick Dewing
 - Not present

Old Business

- Tetra Tech/Broome County Consultant Study
 - See above
- Concern that Guthrie does not replenish spent supplies to EMS agencies
 - Katie L. states that Lourdes will continue to replace equipment at this time. She will advocate for the EMS agencies as needed but there are no plans to change the current set-up at this time.

New Business

Renee C. raises a concern that 3 patients within her agency's district reported being banned from hospital ERs.

- Unsure where this was coming from, but Katie L. reports that that is unacceptable and goes against EMTALA. No true bans for any specific patients at Lourdes are in place at this time.

- Other people who have experienced patients expressing they are banned have reported bringing them to the appropriate facility regardless. No issues bringing them into the ER.
- Any issues with Lourdes ER moving forward, Katie L. asks that she receive a phone call immediately.

Mutual aid agreement with Chenango County EMS needs to be updated.

- Could not be addressed because mutual aid agreement does not technically exist until the EMS Coordinator role was fulfilled.
- Dave T. reports that each agency is responsible for having a mutual aid plan.
 - This discussion will continue as we go forward into the 1st quarter.
 - When discussing mutual aid plan, the end goal is the well-being of the communities, including CON and neighbors.
 - The current mutual aid plan is technically non-functional and will require an entire recreation.

Community paramedicine: UHS is still managing the grant. There have been over 200 community paramedic calls in Broome or Tioga. Reach out to Shawn Dolan if your agency is interested in joining.

- Goal expectation is to decrease 27% of call volume. There are currently an average 6 new patients per week.
- Invitation is extended to other agencies to be involved. The grant covers all staffing and equipment costs, short of buying a new ambulance.
- Community paramedicine operates in a grey area of the law, there is currently no official CON process.
- Contact Shawn Dolan, Katie Loveland can help facilitate this connection if needed.

Meeting adjourned- 1934

Next Scheduled Meeting: - Tuesday 2/6/2024 at 6:00 PM At UHS BGH Russell room